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To the Chairman and Members of the
Marshland Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

In accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health, the Annual Report for 1942 which follows is for security reasons in an abridged form. No references to public utility undertakings, water supply extensions, sewage developments, etc. are permitted.

In general, the health of the community remained good. Infectious diseases, which there was reason to fear might be widespread, remained well within their usual seasonal limits, and in no case assumed epidemic dimensions.

The only disease deserving of special mention is Scabies. This is not a very familiar complaint among the permanent residents of your District, and its incidence is still mainly among evacuees. The fact that you have never before had to organise treatment for this complaint has perhaps given it a greater prominence than it deserves. The new project for institutional treatment will, when completed, eventually eradicate it from the population.

Although exact statistics are hard to come by, there is no reason to suppose that there has been any appreciable increase in Venereal Disease in the District.

Tuberculosis likewise shows no particular change in incidence.

During the year Diphtheria Immunisation was carried out on 376 children, 214 being under five years of age and 162 between five and fifteen. This is not a sufficiently high proportion, and efforts will be made to increase it.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A. J. HAWES (Sgd)

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

11 MAY 1944

